



Seattle City Councilmember Tim Burgess 2008-2011 Accomplishments

Topic/Theme	Month/Year	Description	Final Action/Result	Council Bill or Resolution Number
	February-08	Co-sponsored legislation leasing Mercer Arena to Seattle Opera for redevelopment/restoration	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116118
	May-09	Co-sponsored legislation waiving admissions tax on live music venues	Passed Council 5-3	CB 116394
	November-09	Urged Council colleagues to support restoration in library hours from Mayor's proposed budget and restored over \$800,000 in funding to do so	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	September-10	Drafted proclamation celebrating 40 years of the Bumbershoot festival	Presented September 13	CF 311051
Budget and Finance	November-09	Led push on the Council to increase Rainy Day Fund from \$5 million to \$10 million in anticipation of tough economic times to come	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	December-10	Co-sponsored legislation to extend the application of City benefits for City employees on active military duty and their families	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117069
	June-11	Helped craft legislation creating an Audit Committee to give guidance to and be a resource for the Office of City Auditor	Passed Council 8-0	CM 117171
Civil Rights	May-10	Co-sponsored resolution calling for federal-level immigration reform and denouncing Arizona's State Senate Bill 1070 as a step in the wrong direction for immigration policy	Passed Council 7-0	CR 31214
	July-10	Co-sponsored legislation to require written consent from deceased or family of the deceased for commercial display of human remains	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116916
	October-11	Requested an audit of rental housing practices in December 2010; resulted in findings of widespread discrimination toward African Americans and people with disabilities, filing of civil complaints against six property owners		
Economic Development	January-08	Co-sponsored resolution directing city to renegotiate lease for Key Arena with Seattle Storm	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31039

	November-09	Sponsored legislation to repeal the Employee Hours Tax (Head tax) in order to encourage job growth	Passed Council 8-1	CB 116592
	July-11	Voted to update rules related to street-food vending and allow for a greater number and variety of vendors on Seattle streets	Passed Council 8-0	CB 117225
	September-11	Sponsored legislation creating a Tourism Improvement Area and establishing a dedicated source of revenue for tourism marketing and promotion	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117258
Education	July, November 2009	Participated in two trips to New York City with the Office for Education, the School District and the Alliance for Education to study education innovations		
	September-October 2009			CF 310174
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		Oversaw appointment of five new members to the Families and Levy Oversight Committee in preparation for the levy campaign in 2010	First two passed Council 9-0; last three passed 8-0	CF 310213
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	April-10	Crafted and sponsored and resolution detailing the structure and process for renewing the 2011 Families and Education Levy	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31206
	May-10	Appointed 12 citizen representatives to serve on the 2011 Families and Education Levy Advisory Committee	Passed Council 8-0	CF 310796 through CF 310807
	June-10	Hosted first in series of discussions with prominent voices in the education reform movement to spark greater conversations on the subject by Seattle residents		
	November-10	Hosted Seattle's university presidents and other higher education leaders for a discussion about to better prepare children for college and career		
	March-11	Sponsored legislation and led effort to renew and enhance the Families and Education Levy's support for Seattle schoolchildren, achieving unanimous Council support for a package put forward to voters that would double the funds available for targeted interventions	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117103
	May-11	Encouraged the Seattle School District to utilize the expertise of the City's Ethics office, leading to a formal partnership between the two entities that brought greater independence and oversight to District ethics enforcement	Passed Council 8-0	CB 117177

	July-11	Co-hosted welcome event at City Hall for new University of Washington president Michael Young, strengthening the relationship between City government and the City's largest employer		
Environment	April-08	Successfully changed SEPA bill before it reached Committee to limit changes to Urban Centers and Station Overlay Districts	Passed Council 8-0	CB 116101
	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation to ban the use of expanded polystyrene food service containers and plastic service ware	Passed Council 7-1	CB 116250
	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation establishing an advanced recovery fee (a green fee) for disposable shopping bags	Passed Council 6-1	CB 116251
	October-10	Voted to establish an opt-out registry for yellow pages phone books	Passed council 8-1	CB 116954
Ethics and Elections	March-08	Co-sponsored legislation requiring paid lobbyists of the city to register	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116154
	April-08	Co-sponsored legislation that formed the Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee	Passed Council 7-1	CR 310352
	June-09	Closed a loophole that allowed city employees to use taxpayer funds to pay for ethics violation fines	Passed Council 8-0	CB 116460
	June-09	Voted to strengthen and clarify the city's ethics code in the first comprehensive review of the code in over 20 years	Passed Council 6-2	CB 116524
	June-09	Sponsored legislation to restrict the solicitation of campaign contributions from City employees	Passed Council 6-2	CB 116526
	September-11	Sponsored resolution requesting the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission to monitor compliance with election laws on campaign activities related to the Seattle Transportation Benefit District	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31318
Fire Department	August-08	Sponsored resolution recognizing the work that the City of Seattle's Fire Department does on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association with their Fill the Boot annual event	Passed Council 7-0	CR 31078
	October-09	Led process and sponsored legislation authorizing the city to acquire property for a new home for Fire Station 20 on W. Queen Anne, decisively ending a four-year site search	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116671 CB 116679 CB 116680
Housing and human services	November-08	Added funding for shelter, day-center, emergency food programs, advocacy and capacity-building programs	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	November-09	Successfully advocated with other civic leaders for renewal of Housing Levy	Voters passed Proposition 1	

Intergovernmental Relations	November-09	Added funding for shelter, day-center, emergency food programs, advocacy and capacity-building programs	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	October-December 2010	As part of the Council's "Seattle for Washington" campaign to improve ties with other parts of the state, met with 9 elected officials from Snohomish and Pierce Counties including the two County Executives, County Councilmembers and State Legislators		
Parks and Recreation	April-08	Co-sponsored legislation that formed the Parks and Green Spaces Levy citizens' advisory committee	Passed Council 7-1	CR 31055
	July-08	Co-sponsored legislation to put the 2008 Parks and Open Space Levy on the ballot	Passed Council 7-0	CB 116274
	June-09	Voted to create a four-block park boulevard in Belltown that will improve public safety and create green space in the center city	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116560
	November-10	Restored funding for keeping community centers open around the City	Budget passed Council 9-0	CB 116997
	December-08	Helped write first Incentive Zoning laws for Seattle	Passed Council 8-1	CB 116358
Planning/Land Use	March-09	Called for designation of the P-I Globe as a historic landmark	Application pending	
	November-09	Voted to expand availability of permits for backyard cottages to entire city after refining legislation in committee	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116528
	December-09	Co-sponsored legislation to change land use code to expedite demolition of derelict housing that serves as a magnet for criminal activity	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116642
	April-11	Voted to update zoning in South Downtown neighborhoods, encouraging residential growth and facilitating economic activity while preserving historic character	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117140
	July-08	Sponsored legislation to improve police accountability, and expand the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board from 3 to 7 civilian members	Passed Council 7-0	CB 116259
Police	August-10	Oversaw confirmation process of Police Chief John Diaz	Confirmed by Council 8-0	CF 310947
	September-11	Negotiated compromises to legislation providing paid sick and safe leave to employees working in Seattle, succeeded in gaining adoption of 13 amendments making it easier for employers and employees to understand their rights and responsibilities under the requirements of the new ordinance	Passed Council 8-1	CB 117216
	May-08	Successfully amended legislation to move removal of Automated Public Toilets up from January 2009 to July 2008	Amendment passed 2-1 Legislation Passed Council 5-0	CR 31057
Public Health				
Public Safety				

June-08	Sponsored legislation requiring more stringent guest registration at motels and hotels as part of anti-crime effort	Passed Council 5-0	CB 116207
September-08	Sponsored legislation to increase fines for soliciting the services of a prostitute from \$500 to \$1,000, with the funds going to the prostitution prevention and intervention account, and the Sex Industry Victims Fund	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116324
September-08	Sponsored resolution, showing City Council and the Mayor's support of two proposals for funding from the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) funds	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31090
October-08	Gained funding from the King County MIDD to establish a Crisis Intervention Team/Mental Health Partnership Pilot Project, and establish a Safe Housing and Treatment for Children in Prostitution Pilot Project	Passed King County Council 8-0	King County Substitute Ordinance No. 2008-0489.3
November-08	Restored funding for CURB, GOTS and Co-STARS crime prevention programs	Budget passed Council 9-0	
March-09	Established a \$150 fee for patrons of prostitutes to fund mandatory counseling of both prostitutes and their patrons	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116472
June-09	Brought national crime prevention experts David Kennedy (John Jay College of Criminal Justice), Dr. Gary Slutkin (CeaseFire Project) and Phelan Wyrick (USDOJ) to Seattle for community conversations on reducing urban violence		
September-December 2009	Raised enough funding for the Children in Prostitution Pilot Project from the city, county, foundation and private donors to launch the project in early 2010	Budget passed Council 9-0	
November-09	Added funding to continue innovative Drug Market Initiative program to close down open air drug markets and offer the choice of services or prison to drug dealers	Budget passed Council 9-0	
November-09	Restored funding for CURB, GOTS and Co-STARS crime prevention programs and provided direction to implement recommendations of evaluative report	Budget passed Council 9-0	
November-09	Sponsored legislation to give police a sharper and well-defined tool to reduce crime on chronic nuisance properties	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116667
January-10	Sponsored resolution stating the City Council's policy goals and priorities for the appointment and confirmation of a new Chief of Police	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31184
March-10	Sponsored legislation extending Seattle's jail services contract with King County until 2016	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116815
April-10	Call for increased foot patrols resulted in pilot program implementation by police department	SPD implemented increased foot patrols	

	April-10	Sponsored legislation giving police an additional tool to control aggressive solicitation on the street by making behavior that makes a reasonable person fearful or feel compulsion to give a civil infraction	Passed Council 5-4; subsequently vetoed by Mayor and the veto was sustained	CB 116807
	April-10	Brought UCLA professor Mark Kleiman to Seattle for a series of discussions with public safety leaders and the community		
	July, November 2010	Requested a report from the City Auditor on graffiti and implemented budget-related recommendations of that report	Budget passed Council 9-0	CB 116997
	November-10	Added malicious harassment (bias crimes) to the list of crimes where victims can receive support services from the victim advocates of the Seattle Police Department	Budget passed Council 9-0	CB 116997
	November-10	Restored funding for domestic violence intervention programs and victim advocate positions during budget deliberations	Budget passed Council 9-0	CB 116997
	January-11	Hosted public forum on the problem of sex trafficking of minors in our community, drawing over 500 people to the event		
	April-11	Sponsored legislation making wage theft a crime and giving the City authority to revoke business licenses from employers who commit wage theft	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117143
	May-11	Brought scholars from George Mason University's Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy to Seattle for a series of discussions with policy and community leaders, leading to greater partnership between the police department and the Center		
	May-11	Received a requested review of City's crime prevention programs to inform future budget decisions in this area		CF 311484
	September-11	Approved agreement for jail services with King County that allows the City to postpone any construction of its own facility for at least 20 years, saving an estimated \$200 million in construction costs	Passed Council 9-0	CB 117244
Transportation	December-08	Voted to continue examining the possibility of additional streetcar lines	Compromise bill passed Council 6-3	CR 31091
	October-09	Voted to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Washington and the City of Seattle to move forward on a deep-bore tunnel replacement for SR 99	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116668

	October-09	Co-sponsored Traffic Justice Summit with City Attorney and the Cascade Bicycle Club to learn more about the need for stronger laws to protect pedestrians and bicyclists		
	April-10	Worked with Council colleagues to submit recommendations to the State for improving design of the SR 520 bridge replacement project	State's preferred alternative, announced later in April, incorporated vast majority of Council recommendations	
	August-10	Co-sponsored resolution expressing the City's intent to authorize agreements with the State to continue the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project if the State awards a design build contract, allowing the project to move forward on schedule	Passed Council 8-1	CR 31235
	August-10	Co-sponsored resolution calling on the State to provide funding for transit and to give local governments legislative authority to provide this funding	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31237
	September-10	Voted to create a Transportation Benefit District in the City to provide more flexibility in funding options for transportation projects	Passed Council 8-0	CB 116947
	November-10	Led Council effort during budget deliberations to create a policy- and outcome-based approach to setting on-street parking rates	Budget passed Council 9-0	CB 116997
	February-11	Voted to approve agreements between the Washington State Department of Transportation and City departments allowing the replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct to move forward	Passed Council 8-1; vetoed by Mayor; veto overridden by Council; challenged by referendum and upheld by voters	CB 117101
	August-11	Voted to give Seattle voters the option to increase vehicle license fees by \$60 to pay for transit and transportation infrastructure investments	Passed Seattle Transportation Benefit District Board	Res. 5
	September-11	Voted to give the Washington State Department of Transportation notice to proceed with the replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct	Passed Council 9-0	CR 31324
Youth Issues	November-08	Worked closely with other councilmembers, Council staff, and the Mayor's office to edit and focus the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Added 5 Resource Officers to South End Middle and High Schools	Budget passed Council 9-0	
	April-09	Sponsored legislation to adopt final budget for Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative	Passed Council 9-0	CB 116489

March-10	Sponsored legislation to formalize the Seattle Youth Commission giving youth a greater voice in city government	Passed Council 7-0	CB 116791
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